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Air. Trick

▶ Dylan Bissett, 15, gets air as skate and BMX enthusiasts gather at The Forks yesterday for the Skate4Cancer fundraiser, which continued well into last night.

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Skate4Cancer fundraiser rises to occasion

FIFA worth a bid: Report

Agreement still subject to full council vote

It will cost Winnipeg $25,000 to bid on a chance to host parts of the world's most elite women's soccer tournament, but the economic spinoffs from thousands of international visitors flooding the city would more than make up for it.

So says a report to the mayor's executive policy committee, which is set to vote this week on allowing the city's CAO to formally prepare an agreement that could see Winnipeg become a host city for FIFA 2015 Women's World Cup matches.

"If Winnipeg is chosen to host a portion of the (tournament), this signature international event is expected to have an economic impact of over $10 million (including $400,000 in municipal taxes generated by the event) with participants, officials, VIPs, media, and tourists using approximately 7,000 room nights spread out over 23 event days during the summer of 2015," said Rob Kristjansson, the city's special events liaison.

In March, it was announced that Winnipeg was one of seven Canadian cities involved in making a successful bid to bring the massive FIFA tournament to the country and to host matches.

The others are Ottawa, Montreal, Halifax, Moncton, Edmonton and Vancouver.

Canada will also host the FIFA Women's U-20 tournament in 2014, which will serve as a test event for the World Cup.

Canada will need a minimum six host cities for the 2015 World Cup and four for the 2014 women's U-20 championships.

FIFA officials are scheduled to visit venues in each city this fall.

The World Cup host cities will be announced early in 2012.

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Local funding

Local funding for the FIFA pitch:

- **From the Manitoba Government:** $2 million.
- **From the City of Winnipeg:** $250,000 in cash and in-kind services.
- **From the Manitoba Soccer Association:** Cash for the bid process and site tours of Winnipeg by officials.

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New trial for taxi driver accused of giving teen alcohol

A 45-year-old cabbie recently cleared of allegations he supplied a bottle of whisky to a 15-year-old girl riding in his taxi must face a new trial, a judge has ruled.

A justice of the peace who acquitted Lovkesh Kapoor of a charge under the Liquor Control Act engaged in speculation and conjecture in a decision regarding what happened during a cab ride in April 2010, Justice Karen Simonsen said.

The teen testified at trial that Kapoor allegedly offered to sell her whisky and invited her to a party with his friends.

In her testimony, the girl said she initially declined the offer but eventually relented and claimed Kapoor then produced a bottle from the console in his car.

Police issued Kapoor a citation carrying with it maximum penalties of six months in jail a $20,000 fine.

Kapoor has denied any wrongdoing, and was acquitted by the magistrate, who nonetheless found the girl to be a "credible" witness.

The magistrate also expressed doubts about Kapoor's side of the story.

However, the magistrate made an error by saying there was reasonable doubt in the case because the Crown didn't call two witnesses to the stand, Simonsen said.

A new trial is slated for later this month.

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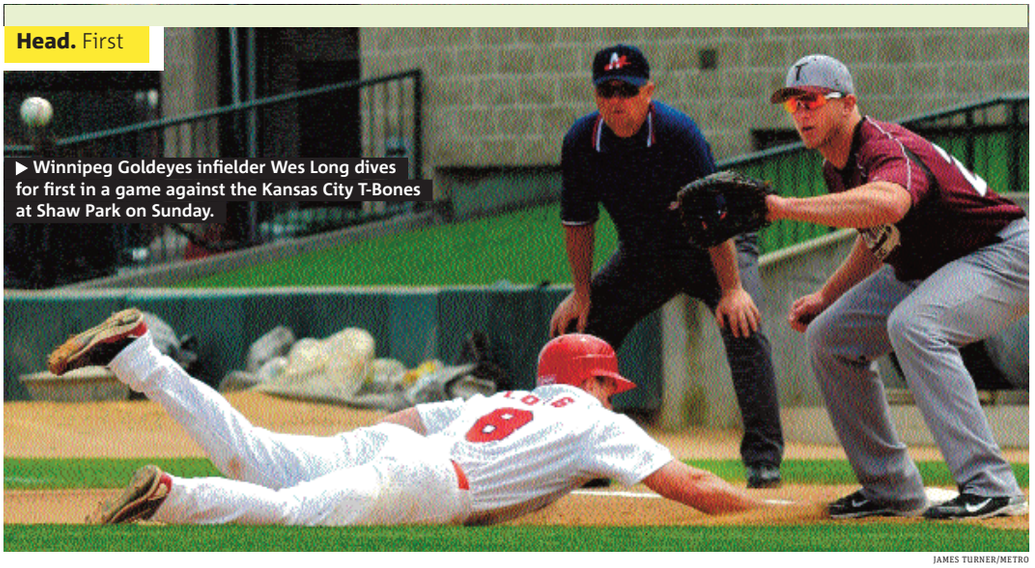
Head. First



▶ Winnipeg Goldeyes infielder Wes Long dives for first in a game against the Kansas City T-Bones at Shaw Park on Sunday.

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A little bit of a hustle goes a Long way

Wes Long, voted player of the game, scored twice and drove in three runs as the Fish took down the T-Bones 9-2. See Darrin Bauming's complete story at metronews.ca/winnipeg.

Jailhouse ridicule a factor in sentencing

◗ Transgender woman free after serving two-year sentence ◗ After Crown asked for more jail time, judge ruled treatment should be considered

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The scorn, ridicule and safety issues a transgender woman faced while locked up at the Winnipeg Remand Centre awaiting trial should be factored into her sentence, a Manitoba judge has ruled.

Joseph McNabb, 29, who identifies as a woman, is now free after Justice Kenneth Hanssen ruled a two-year-long, time-served sentence plus three years probation for attempted robbery was appropriate.

McNabb was acquitted of manslaughter in connection to the April 2009 death of Evaristo Caniuman but was convicted of trying to rob the 60-year-old man as he lay in the street.

Caniuman died in hospital of blunt-force trauma days after hitting his head on the pavement. McNabb pushed Caniuman in a scuffle and caused his death, but the force used was reasonable, Hanssen previously ruled.

The Crown argued for more jail time for McNabb, saying her convictions for bail breaches while awaiting trial should be factored in. Hanssen disagreed, saying that taking the breaches into account would be punishing McNabb twice for the same crimes.

Defence lawyer Martin Glazer contended McNabb's stay in jail was largely spent in the medical ward because she was subject to intense ridicule at the hands of other inmates.

Hanssen agreed McNabb's jail conditions should be a factor in how she was sentenced, Glazer told Metro Winnipeg.

McNabb was released to the custody of the Elizabeth Fry Society, which advocates for the rights of female inmates and provides treatment programs.

6 fall victim to morning violence

Saturday morning was a busy one for police as there were three violent incidents at the same time in Winnipeg's North End.

The morning started out with a 2:10 a.m. attack on four people who came out of a home to investigate the sounds of a fight.

They were attacked by one or two people wielding a baseball bat. A woman, 39, suffered blows to her upper body and lower body, while three men, 28, 30 and 44, suffered blows to their upper bodies.

At about the same time, police were called to Magnus Avenue near Salter Street. They found a 32-year-old man who had been stabbed in the chest after being confronted by several people.

And on Manitoba Avenue, at around the same time, police discovered a 26-year-old man, who had been beaten up, lying on the ground.

He is now in stable condition after being taken to hospital in unstable condition. ELISHA DACEY

News in brief

No one hurt in bungalow fire

BLAZE. Firefighters battled a blaze in a home on Dufferin Avenue, bringing it under control at about noon on Sunday.

No one was inside the home, but a police spokesperson said several youths were seen running from the bungalow when crews arrived. METRO

Fighting couple leads to drug bust

GROW-OP. Winnipeg Police were called to a domestic disturbance Friday night only to discover a grow-op in the home.

Police seized more than 800 pot plants at the home, with a street value of about $880,000. METRO

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▶ A fan prays while watching TV coverage of Game 4 in downtown Vancouver on June 8.

A HISTORIC DAY, WIN OR LOSE

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HOME ICE ADVANTAGE

On the verge of its first Stanley Cup in Canucks history, Vancouver quietly passes a dark milestone — tonight is the 125th anniversary of the night the city burned to the ground.

The Great Fire of June 13, 1886, blazed through Vancouver's mostly timbered shacks and reduced the new city (it was only two months old) to ash.

Downtown Vancouver is a different sort of tinderbox today, one sparking with nervous excitement: the whole city seems to be holding its breath for the game.

Across the province, people exhaled with wild, happy celebration after Game 5. More than 100,000 people celebrated in downtown streets, and throughout the city cars honked and firecrackers barked.

In its 40 years as a franchise, the Canucks have never won hockey's ultimate prize. They've been in the final twice before. Last time there were riots when they lost. JEFF HODSON IS MANAGING EDITOR OF METRO VANCOUVER

'Resilience and recovery'

First photos of Gabrielle Giffords show congresswoman smiling, few signs of gunshot wound ◐ She could be released from rehab facility this month

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▶ This May 17 photo of U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, left, was posted to her public Facebook page by her aides yesterday. The woman in the background is her mother, Gloria Giffords.

Images of a smiling U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords were posted early yesterday on her Facebook page, two photos that show her with shorter, darker hair but few signs that she suffered a gunshot wound to the head.

The photos were taken May 17 outside the Houston rehabilitation facility, TIRR Memorial Hermann, where Giffords has been undergoing intensive treatment since she was wounded five months ago at a meet-and-greet event with constituents. Six people died and a dozen others were wounded in the Jan. 8 attack in Tucson, Ariz.

Since then, access to the Arizona congresswoman has been tightly controlled. Until yesterday, no clear images had been released.

Giffords spokesman C.J. Karamargin said staff members released the photos yesterday to help satisfy "intense interest in the congresswoman's appearance."

The photos capture her ecstatic mood following her astronaut husband's space-shuttle launch in May.

"She got to see her husband successfully ride a rocket into space," Karamargin said. "So who wouldn't be pleased?"

He added: "I think this photo speaks volumes about the congresswoman's resilience and recovery. It shows someone in very good spirits, someone who is happy, someone who has a very positive attitude."

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Studying mental hardships of High Arctic postings

As Canada asserts its Arctic sovereignty, the military wants to know whether people working in dark, isolated outposts are prone to mental breakdown.

And a recent report for the scientific arm of the Department of National Defence says the answers may be found in early expeditions to Antarctica, where polar explorers suffered a raft of psychological problems a century ago.

"Early Antarctic research identified the 'winter-over syndrome,' comprised of depression, anxiety, irritability, hostility, insomnia, and inability to concentrate," says the newly released report.

"Two unique phenomena have also been noted. One is 'Big Eye,' chronic insomnia; the other is 'Long Eye,' a vacant stare denoting that the individual is ... unaware of the surrounding environment and activities."

The findings are part of a March 31 study commissioned by Toronto-based Defence Research and Development Canada, and obtained by The Canadian Press under the Access to Information Act.

Researchers were asked to review scientific literature on the psychological adaptation of people working in isolated, confined or extreme environments. That includes submarines, space capsules and lonely polar outposts.

The government scientist who ordered the research says the aim is to help personnel assigned to posts in the High Arctic, such as remote CFS Alert on the northeastern tip of Ellesmere Island. The RCMP, Environment Canada and other departments regularly assign staff to this extreme environment, in addition to the military.

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Urban postal strikes roll on

Unionized Canada Post workers set for rotating strikes in 10 more cities No deal reached on weekend

A weekend of negotiations failed to produce a settlement to end rotating strikes by Canada Post's urban workers.

Canada Post spokesman Jon Hamilton said management told union negotiators that the job action has only succeeded in pushing customers away.

Hamilton said the post office feels that those customers won't return until they're sure reliable service can be provided.

He repeated the post office mantra that the union representing the workers is making unrealistic demands.

The Canadian Union of Postal Workers said on Friday that it would end the strikes if the previous collective agreement was reinstated, something the post office rejected.

Postal workers in Red Deer spent the weekend on strike and employees in ten cities across the country will walk off the job next.

Rotating strikes will begin late Sunday night in Corner Brook, N.L., Fredericton, N.B., Sydney, N.S. and its surrounding communities, Trois-Rivieres, Que., Sherbrooke, Que., Cornwall, Ont., Windsor, Ont., Niagara Falls, Ont., Regina, Sask., and Nanaimo, B.C.

The rotating strikes started June 2.

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Deliveries cut

- **Blaming mail volumes** that have fallen by half, Canada Post said that from next week delivery in most cities will drop to three times a week — on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- **Rural Canada will continue** to have daily service. Those carriers are covered by a separate labour contract.
- By cutting staff, Canada Post can trim costs, paying workers only for hours worked. By holding rotating strikes instead of a full walkout, union members usually only lose one or two days' pay.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Record. Height

Junrey Balawing, 18, jokes on the microphone after he was officially declared the world's shortest living man by Guinness World Records at an event in the Southern Philippines yesterday.

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Filipino is world's shortest man

Junrey Balawing stands 59.7 centimetres tall. The previous record-holder for world's shortest living man measured 67.1 centimetres.

93% **In a recent annual performance report to Parliament, CRA said it met a 45-day response deadline 93 per cent of the time. Internal auditors gave it 74 per cent.**

CRA grades slipping

Last fall, the Canada Revenue Agency said it was doing a stellar job in responding to written requests from taxpayers for GST and HST rulings and interpretations. But that claim has withered under the scrutiny of internal auditors. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Heat is on in airline talks

Both sides in Air Canada dispute hope to avoid strike ◗ Negotiations edging closer to deadline ◗ Managers have backup plan, just in case

Ottawa has urged both sides in the Air Canada labour dispute to reach a negotiated agreement as soon as possible.

Lisa Raitt, the labour minister, said in a weekend statement that she is concerned about the impact of a work stoppage on Canadians and on Canada's economic recovery.

The Canadian Auto Workers, the union representing some 3,800 customer-service and sales staff, issued a 72-hour strike notice Friday, which means job action can begin at 12:01 a.m. Tuesday.

"Management has been trained to provide assistance at the airports that would be affected."

DUNCAN DEE, AIR CANADA'S CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, ON THE AIRLINE'S BACKUP PLAN IF WORKERS VOTE TO STRIKE

Negotiations continued through the weekend and both sides said they hope to reach a deal. A key sticking point is a management proposal to change pension plans for new hires.

Jamie Ross, president of the CAW local that represents the employees, said yesterday they are prepared to negotiate right up until the deadline.

The threat of job action has sparked concern from travellers, though Air Canada has downplayed the potential impact. In a statement yesterday, the airline said it has a backup plan to continue operating. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Divide or be conquered: Shareholders to RIM CEOs

BlackBerry maker Research in Motion Ltd. is facing a challenge from dissident shareholders who are calling for a separation in the roles of CEO and chairman. RIM is led by two executives, Jim Balsillie and Mike Lazaridis, who serve as both co-CEOs and co-chairmen.

Northwest & Ethical Investments, a Canadian investment firm, says a division of the roles is vital for the board to be able to oversee the CEOs. RIM disagrees, and said it will ask shareholders to vote against the proposal at its annual meeting on July 12.

The challenge is not the only turbulence RIM has to contend with. Last month the company said it facing a class-action lawsuit in the U.S. that alleges it misled investors with materially false and misleading statements about its financial condition and business prospects. RIM said the allegations are without merit. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Market moment

PRICES AS OF 5 P.M. FRIDAY

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Rag. Trade

▶ Hong Kong residents have always had a fascination for high fashion, something Prada and its bankers hope will translate into a successful IPO this month, as the company offers 423.3 million shares for sale. Executives said they are optimistic about Prada's expansion into Asia, despite recent turmoil in world stock markets.

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A change of clothes

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Hackers target IMF computers

The International Monetary Fund, reeling from last month's arrest of its former leader, is investigating an attack on its computer system. IMF spokesman David Hawley said the organization is fully functional and declined to provide details on what he termed an "IT incident." But an IMF official said the attack was sophisticated. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PROMOTING AN URBAN AGENDA

URBAN COMPASS

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You might not expect a self-described urbanist to praise the positive impact of professional hockey on cities, but Spacing magazine publisher Matt Blackett is certain the return of the NHL will be a boon for Winnipeg's downtown.

"Drawing 15,000 people to the core on a regular basis is going to bring life to the streets," said Blackett, who praises the MTS Centre as one of the most urban-friendly sports complexes in Canada.

He adds that images of Winnipeggers taking to downtown streets to celebrate True North's purchase of the Atlanta Thrashers have made a strong impression across the country over the past few weeks.

"I think other Canadians know that Winnipeg has a vibrant arts scene and a strong advocacy community, but we have a blind spot to the great urban spaces that exist there," he said.

> **"We're an urban nation, and it really helps if all our cities are doing well."**
> MATT BLACKETT

Several of those spots are highlighted in Spacing's latest issue, its first national edition after several years of covering politics, development, parks and transit in the Toronto area.

To celebrate the release, Spacing is bringing its national road show to Winnipeg this week. The event includes a discussion about urban design in Winnipeg with local blogger Robert Galston (riseandsprawl.tumblr.com), University of Winnipeg politics Prof. Christopher Leo and University of Manitoba planning Prof. Richard Milgrom.

In addition to naming "Winnipeg's Top 5 Public Spaces," the issue spotlights the skate park at the Forks, compares arena building strategies in Winnipeg and Glendale, and includes a major feature on the rise of urbanism across the prairies.

"There's a different type of city building going on in places like Winnipeg, based on different concerns," said Blackett. "For example, most people wouldn't think about the challenges and opportunities of designing a city around the wind or weather or flat topography."

Creating a greater understanding of what makes Canadian cities work, and breaking down the silos between our major centres was the motivation behind launching a national issue, explained Blackett.

"Our identity is still tied to images of mountains and lakes and agriculture, but the reality is that 80 per cent of us live in cities," he said. "We're an urban nation, and it really helps if all our cities are doing well. We need to learn from each other and push the urban agenda."

Blackett hopes the local tour stop will lead to more Winnipeg coverage in his publication, and the eventual launch of a local site in the magazine's growing network of urban affairs blogs.

The Spacing Road Show stops at the Raw Gallery on McDermot Street Thursday evening. For more information, see www.spacing.ca.

Colin Fast is a corporate communicator who blogs about life in Winnipeg at policyfrog.com.

metro life panel

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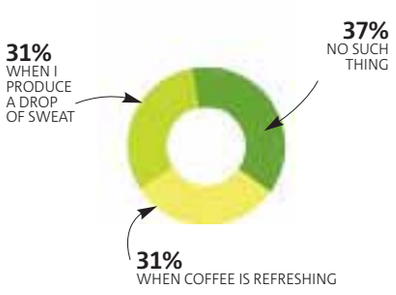
How hot is too hot in the summer?



Local tweets

- **@reidov:** At coras, what to get ... there's more choices than a box of 500 Crayola crayons
- **@2Apples:** Being in bed is much more enjoyable when you have the person you love laying next to you. #lazinginbed
- **@Mario_Bento:** I just saw two deer!!! ... I'm at the Forks, wtf??
- **@victoriacheungg:** why is it always so nice out when i'm supposed to be studying? can i please just flunk it and call it a year?
- **@missCindyDee:** Bike gangs are soooo not cool anymore.
- **@LWPegMan:** Instead of Winnipeg Jets ... Puckheads? Mosquitoes? Roughriders? Originals? Red River Carts? Elm Leafs? Golden Boys? Flood? Wholesalers? Reds?
- **@jimblacquiere:** In Montreal to catch a connecting flight to Winnipeg. I'm going to ask security for the full pat down. Things r boring here.
- **@QueenCrash:** The hockey fan in me automatically assumes that when someone mentions "the Jets," they're talking about Winnipeg. I forget about New York ...

Worth mentioning

LONDON. Scientists are quickly combing the DNA of the killer bacteria behind the world's worst E. coli outbreak to find clues about how to treat patients and prevent future epidemics.

So far, one strain from a German patient has been sequenced by Chinese and German scientists. While the genetic information is preliminary, experts say there are a few hints about where the bacteria came from and why it might be so lethal.

The E. coli causing Europe's massive outbreak is likely the product of another strain first detected a decade ago in Germany, but with some dangerous mutations, experts say.

Because E. coli is constantly evolving, it is riddled with genes swapped from other strains found in animals and humans, giving it countless opportunities to acquire something lethal.

So far, the bug has killed at least 35 people and sickened more than 3,000, including several hundred who have developed life-threatening kidney failure.

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Cartoon by Michael de Adder

WEIRD NEWS

Another twist on definition of the arts

Getting a lap dance isn't the same as taking in a ballet, so an alcohol-free strip club will have to pay the tax man, a New York state court has ruled.

Four Appellate Division justices agreed with a state tax appeals commission's earlier finding that dances onstage or in private rooms at the club Nite Moves in suburban Albany, N.Y., don't qualify for a state tax exemption as "dramatic or musical arts performances."

Nite Moves contested a tax bill of nearly $125,000 plus interest on lap dances and admission fees stemming from a 2005 audit. Its attorney, W. Andrew McCullough said Friday the club has a later, larger bill it is also challenging, and that he would probably appeal the Appellate Division ruling.

McCullough said the impact of the ruling probably won't be widespread since most establishments featuring exotic dancers as entertainment are bars mainly selling alcohol where other tax rules apply. "We admit the ballet is a little different and maybe a little more finely tuned," McCullough said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Box office

Hollywood's summer box-office streak has cooled a bit with a $37 million opening weekend for J.J. Abrams and Steven Spielberg's sci-fi tale Super 8. It was a healthy but unremarkable launch for the movie centred on teen filmmakers and an alien entity. After a string of blockbuster debuts, Hollywood's overall revenues dipped for the first time in a month.

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Decades after M-A-S-H, the future of Cpl. Klinger's beloved Tony Packo's hot dogs is in doubt. Scan code for story.

Hot summer reads

From perennial summer favourites to a touch of fantasy to books made even more frightening because they're true — we've got the perfect lit picks for your beach bag

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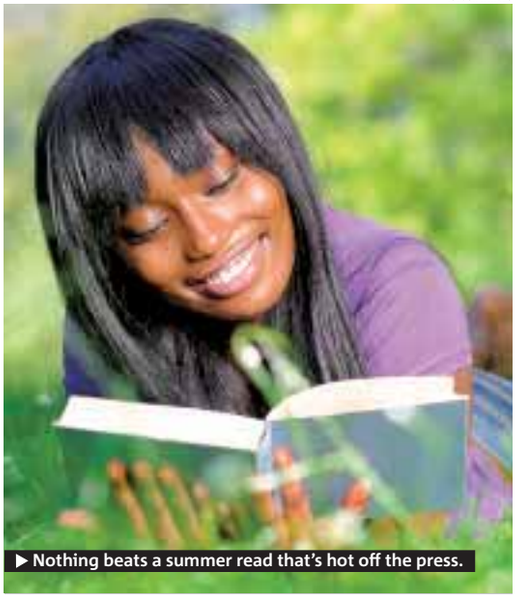

▶ Nothing beats a summer read that's hot off the press.

The Sportsman: Unexpected Lessons from an Around-the-World Sports Odyssey
Author: Dhani Jones
Release Date: June 7
Dhani Jones has done it all. He's an NFL linebacker, the star of Travel Channel's Dhani Tackles the Globe, a poet, a photographer and a bow-tie entrepreneur, and now he adds writer to the list with his new travelogue/memoir, The Sportsman.

The Next Wave: On the Hunt for Al Qaeda's American Recruits
Author: Catherine Herridge
Release Date: June 12
Here's a truly terrifying beach read: We've finally nabbed bin Laden, but as author and Fox News reporter Herridge claims, the next wave of terrorists aren't coming from some far away foreign country — they're being born and raised in the U.S.

One Summer
Author: David Baldacci
Release Date: June 14
One Summer is a huge departure from David Baldacci's regular shoot-'em-up thrillers. Set on the oceanfront in South Carolina, One Summer presents a moving story about family — no gunfire involved.

Carte Blanche
Author: Jeffery Deaver
Release Date: June 14
Jeffery Deaver updates Bond to be an Afghan war vet with gadgets galore working for a super-secret, post-9-11 organization. But don't worry — this "new" Bond still gets the ladies.

Flashback
Author: Dan Simmons
Release Date: July 1
This thriller is set in the near future, where a bankrupt America is addicted to a drug that allows its population to relive the best moments and memories of the past. Simmons deftly explores how you can lose your future to your past and the inertia that can result from an addiction.

Dominance: A Novel
Author: Will Lavender
Release Date: July 5
Former professor Richard Aldiss decides, via a night class broadcast from his jail cell, to find the murderer of two of his former graduate students — a crime he was convicted of 12 years ago. But then, one of his students is killed in the same way as the previous victims.

Then Came You
Author: Jennifer Weiner
Release Date: July 12
This summer, a more grown-up Weiner (In Her Shoes, Best Friends Forever) tackles the heavier themes of surrogacy, parental rights and the definitions of motherhood via four women in her latest novel.

Girls in White Dresses
Author: Jennifer Close
Release Date: Aug. 9
So many books aimed at 25- to 35-year-old women say they perfectly capture the angst and soaring joys of post-college life, but Girls in White Dresses truly does. Told in intersecting stories of a group of friends, Close is able to nail the complexity of the times — who to date, what job to take and what to wear to the endless weddings.

A Stolen Life: A Memoir
Author: Jaycee Dugard
Release Date: July 12
Jaycee Lee Dugard needs no introduction. Even the People magazine news articles about her, which only lightly touch on her 18 years in captivity by Phillip and Nancy Garrido, read like gripping thrillers.

A Dance with Dragons: A Song of Ice and Fire: Book Five
Author: George R.R. Martin
Release Date: July 12
Fan boys the world over (and the millions of new recruits thanks to the hugely popular HBO adaptation) have been waiting for Book five from the Song of Ice and Fire series for over six years. On July 12, the wait is over.

Guess who the Olsen twins are linked to now

Justin, Kanye romantically involved with sisters, according to reports

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▶ Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen

Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen have both been turning heads lately thanks to the men they've been spending time with.

First, Ashley was reportedly spotted at several events with Justin Timberlake, according to Us Weekly.

While Timberlake's rep insists the two are just friends, a source insists, "They are hooking up."

And now Mary-Kate has been hitting the town with rapper Kanye West, according to E! Online. The two hit up West's birthday party at a New York City nightclub, where eyewitnesses claim they were seen kissing.

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Double whammy for Lily Allen

It was a big weekend for singer Lily Allen. First, she married longtime boyfriend Sam Cooper, who then used the wedding's reception as the perfect opportunity to announce that his new bride is pregnant, according to the Daily Mail. "There were tears all around," a source says.

Lily Allen

"This is the happiest day of Lily and Sam's lives and they are so in love. This is the icing on the wedding cake."

Allen is reportedly thrilled but cautious, given that last November she tragically suffered a miscarriage.

"Lily's scared, there's a long way to go," says a source, adding that Allen is about three months along. "But the happiness outweighs the fear."

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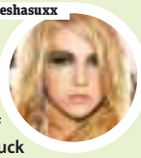
Celebrity tweets

@Joan_Rivers

The weather here in New York City is hot, humid and muggy. YUCK! It's so sticky, I feel like a human Post-It!

@keshasuxx



I wish I could give every single one of u a tiny truck stop figurine of a dragon.

@russellcrowe

Today I rode a jet ski from Positano to Amalfi and back...how was your day?

@SethMacFarlane

Thank you, Don Henley music. I was in too good a mood just then.

Talking points

Gomez taken to hospital

NAUSEA. After seeming fine during a Tonight Show performance, 18-year-old pop singer Selena Gomez was rushed to the hospital complaining of nausea and a severe headache, according to TMZ.

She spent the night at the hospital, with her rep only saying that the singer was "currently undergoing routine tests."

Her management was quick to cancel a weekend performance at the Santa Monica Pier.

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▶ Selena Gomez

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▶ Britney Spears

Big news coming from Britney?

Britney Spears is reportedly sitting on some big news, as sources say she's ready to announce she and Justin Trawick are engaged, according to Hollyscoop.

"She's on cloud nine," a source says. "Britney is desperate to settle down again and have more children. But she is very traditional and didn't want to start a family with Jason until they'd tie the knot."

Trawick reportedly proposed by filling their home with roses and candles and writing Spears a poem.

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Much fuss over tattoo

It looks like tattoo artist S. Victor Whitmill may earn some satisfaction from Warner Bros. after all.

The artist, who designed Mike Tyson's famous face tattoo, sued the studio for copyright infringement over its use on Ed Helms' face in The Hangover Part II. And now the studio is looking to settle things, according to Entertainment Weekly. "If the parties are unable to resolve their dispute, Warner Bros. does not intend to make any use of the allegedly infringing tattoo after the film ends its run in the theatres," studio lawyers say. "Warner Bros. will digitally alter the film (for the DVD release) to substitute a different tattoo on Ed Helms' face."

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▶ Ed Helms

3 life

Father of the year

In recognition of his extraordinary life, Walter Gretzky, one of Canada's most famous fathers, is being honoured as Canada's 2011 Father of the Year by Doro, a world leader in easy-to-use cell phones and devices designed especially for seniors. METRO

Father's Day gift ideas for stressed-out dads.

Of fathers lost and found

Estrangements can make Father's Day a quiet day for many families, but reunions can be oh so sweet Here is a story of lives touched by a father being reunited with his child

MARK SHAW, TOM DAY/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

From left: James Morrison (Marni's husband), Wen-ying Lu (Mark Shaw's wife), Mark Shaw (Marni's birth father), Marni Morrison, 19-year-old Allison Fuglestad (Marni's daughter), 12-year-old Lucy Fuglestad (Marni's daughter).

In 2008, Marni Morrison's world turned upside down.

That's the year she decided to contact her birth mother, who told her that contrary to her adoption file, her birth father was very much alive.

"I said, 'what are you talking about?' because in my mind he had been dead all that time," said the 42-year-old mother of two daughters, ages 19 and 12. "I'm still trying to get it through my head that he's alive. You're told something your whole life and there's a lot of rewiring that goes on with this whole experience."

Marni grew up in suburban Minneapolis and lives in Red Wing, Minn. She was adopted at birth, the little sister of three much-older brothers born to her adoptive parents.

She'd had access to her adoption file since turning 18, but had no interest in looking at it until after becoming a mother herself, when she felt the need to check on potential health issues for her children.

She didn't find any health worries. Instead, she stumbled on a trail of lies. The file included a letter written by her birth mother in 1969 that said both her birth parents were medical students who'd planned to marry, but her birth father died in a motorcycle accident, "and it was too hard for her to keep me so she put me up for adoption," Marni said.

None of it was true, but she didn't know that until she found her birth mother and they spoke for the first time.

"She said, 'Your birth father not dead. He's a lawyer in Illinois.'"

Marni said her mother wrote the letter in an era when single mothers were often pressured to give up their babies or risk ruining their lives.

Marni and her husband, James, Googled the name her birth mother had given them for her birth father, Mark Shaw.

Two people popped up, but only one was in the right age range. But they dropped the hunt when her adoptive dad got sick. He passed away in July 2009. "He had been a rock my whole life," she said.

Nine months later, James came across a book written by someone named Mark Shaw as he searched online for advice on how to publish a play. He clicked on the author's website and staring back in a photo was a man with the same gap in his teeth as his wife.

James sent Shaw an email asking whether he had practiced law in Illinois around the time of Marni's birth. The answer was yes. The hunch was confirmed by a paternity test, and father and child now see each other often.

"I've been in a daze for the last year," Marni said. "We recently updated our insurance policy and I can offer all my information now. I've never been able to do that."

As for Mark Shaw, he said he barely knew Marni's mother.

"This was the 1960s. I was moving around like I have my whole life — so fast," the 65-year-old author, legal analyst and seminary graduate said.

He welcomed Marni, her husband and his new-found grandchildren with open arms. "I had always dreamed of being a father but just believed it wasn't going to happen," said Shaw, who is married and lives in Superior, Colo. "I look at this as the gift of a lifetime." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Putting unity in CommUnity

Green school grants help kids across Canada build a greener future in their own backyard

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Small ideas can lead to big changes. That's why WWF-Canada has teamed up with Loblaw to offer Green CommUnity School Grants to students and schools who want to help build a cleaner, greener world.

"We developed the program to tap into the excitement, passion and sense of community that comes with schools," says Christina Topp, WWF VP of marketing and communications. "To drive everyday change in the school environment, and in the broader community."

Composting, gardening, solar energy, recycling programs — any innovative idea from any school, anywhere in Canada, can receive up to $5,000 in financial backing.

"We've been doing this program for two years, and it's great fun to look at the applications," says Topp.

"Bike recycling programs, and gardens, and worm recycling! It's phenomenal."

Grants have been awarded to large inner-city schools, tiny one-room schoolhouses, and almost every kind of classroom in between.

"You'll have students doing everything from biodiversity and natural projects outside to solar panels, to creating bio-fuel buses," Topp enthuses. "Whatever the problem is, they're thinking about it and coming up with solutions."

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▶ Schools across Canada are applying for the green grants.

Peggy Hornell, senior director of community investment at Loblaw, says the program arose from one of the supermarket chain's ongoing environmental efforts.

From schools to sponsors, this simple, open-ended program is impressing and delighting everyone involved.

"There is certainly room for expansion," Topp concludes.

"But with kids — if we get them to adopt green ways of living from childhood — we don't need to change behaviours. It just becomes the everyday way they live."

Close to home

Using the grant.

In our city Argyle Alternative High School has been developing a park-like outdoor education classroom since 2003. The school recently installed a large solar panel, and will use its Green CommUnity School grant money to grow flowers, vegetables and herbs, using only solar power.

CHEWING OVER SAFETY ISSUES WITH BPA

My son chews on his crib railing protector. It says it's BPA- and phthalate-free, but made of plastic #4 or PVC. If I don't use it, he'll chew on the wood and paint. Is a plastic cover my only option? ***Melissa of Sherwood Park, Alberta***

QUEEN OF GREEN

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You're on the right track to avoid plastics that contain toxic chemicals, like Bisphenol-A (BPA) and phthalates.

But I think you may have the plastic number and name confused.

Let me explain some of the differences.

Plastic #4 is actually low-density polyethylene or LDPE.

It's less toxic than other plastics.

PVC, on the other hand, is polyvinyl chloride or plastic #3.

It's widely used because it's cheap, durable, and easy to assemble. PVC is less safe because it's made with vinyl chloride which is cancer-causing.

It also poses serious environmental and health threats at all stages of its life cycle — from manufacturing to use to disposal.

The good news is that safer and cost-effective alternatives are already available for virtually every PVC product out there, including baby products.

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You can find PVC-free teethers, pacifiers, bibs, bath toys, and even Halloween costumes.

The Centre for Health, Environment and Justice suggests this jingle to help you remember: "bad news comes in threes, don't buy PVC."

Since your crib railing protector is BPA- and phthalate-free, it's likely as safe as it gets.

The other option would be an organic cotton cloth cover.

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Quesadillas with an avocado twist

These chicken quesadillas are kicked up with avocado for a tasty and fresh take on the Mexican favourite

Don't be discouraged by the number of ingredients in this recipe for Mexican quesadillas. The recipe comes together in 40 minutes and is served with avocado citrus cream.

For a warm weather party, this will serve eight guests and it is worth the preparation.

Ingredients:

Chicken Quesadillas

- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) shredded roasted chicken
- 175 ml (3/4 cup) canned black beans, drained
- 1 bunch green onions, white and light green parts only, thinly sliced
- 1 bunch cilantro, roughly chopped
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) minced, canned chipotle chilies
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) red wine vinegar
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) extra-virgin olive oil
- 5 ml (1 tsp) salt
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) freshly ground black pepper
- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) grated Mexican manchego cheese
- 250 ml (1 cup) grated panela cheese
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) grated cotija cheese
- 4 flour tortillas (each 25 cm/10 inches in diameter)
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) unsalted butter, melted
- 1 1/2 ripe, fresh avocados seeded and cut into 5-mm (1/4-inch) slices

Avocado Citrus Cream

- 1 ripe fresh avocado, seeded, peeled and quartered
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) light sour cream
- 1 lime, juiced
- 1/2 orange, juiced
- Salt and black pepper, to taste

Preparation:

1. Quesadillas: In a mixing bowl, combine chicken, black beans, onions, cilantro, chilies, vinegar, oil, salt and pepper. Let sit for 20 minutes to blend flavours.
2. In a bowl, mix cheeses together.
3. Lay tortillas on a clean counter or other work surface and brush with melted butter.
4. Place a large skillet over medium-high heat. Place a tortilla, buttered side down, into skillet and place one-quarter of the cheese mixture over entire tortilla. Place one-quarter of the chicken mixture over half of the tortilla, leaving the other half empty. Cover chicken mixture with one-quarter of the avocado slices. Cook until cheese begins to melt, 3 to 4 minutes.
5. Fold tortilla in half over avocado and chicken mixture. Continue cooking until tortilla is lightly golden on both sides and cheese begins to ooze. Repeat with remaining quesadillas and ingredients.
6. Avocado Citrus Cream: Meanwhile, combine ingredients in a blender or food processor and blend until smooth.
7. Cut quesadillas into wedges; serve with cream. **THE CANADIAN PRESS/CALIFORNIA AVOCADOS**

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▶ By adding avocados, these quesadillas get a fresh makeover.

Bacon & bean salad proves that simple can be great

MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

▶ This salad calls for small white navy beans, but you can substitute for a similar variety.

Ingredients:

- 250 g (8 oz) slab bacon or pancetta, cut into 1-cm (1/2-inch) pieces
- 1 medium onion, chopped (about 250 ml/1 cup)
- 6 garlic cloves, chopped
- 2 cans (398 ml/14 oz) navy beans, rinsed and drained
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) salt
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) chopped fresh parsley
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) red wine vinegar
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) olive oil
- 5 ml (1 tsp) black pepper

Want to build a better salad? Lose the chill, ditch some of the fruit and get the proportions of the vinaigrette right.

That's the advice of Jacques Pepin, star of Essential Pepin, which will air this fall.

Pepin says a great salad can be simple as long as ingredients are fresh and proportions are right. Too much fruit produces a salad that's too sweet. Likewise, most taste best when served cool, not cold.

"Also important is the use of great-quality oils and vinegars," he said. "And these should be mixed in the proper ratios: one part vinegar to three parts oil."

Pepin offers a warm salad of bacon or pancetta tossed with white beans. It is hearty but still feels fresh thanks to the use of vinegar and chopped fresh parsley. "When beans are combined with pancetta and seasoned with vinegar, garlic and olive oil, the result is a salad that is almost like a stew," he said.

Preparation:

1. In saucepan over low heat, place bacon. Sauté, covered, for 8 minutes, or until meat has rendered much of its fat. Add onion and garlic and cook, stirring, for about 5 seconds.
2. Transfer contents of saucepan, fat and all, to a large bowl. Add beans, salt, parsley, vinegar, oil and pepper. Mix ann serve warm. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ ESSENTIAL PEPIN BY JACQUES PEPIN (HOUGHTON MIFFLIN HARCOURT, OCTOBER, 2011)**

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A friendlier feeding of the front lawn

Having gone green early, one couple's business is blooming **Have they had time to stop and smell the roses?**

TURNING POINT

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"Being an entrepreneur is having a vision and sticking to it. Sometimes you're on the edge of insanity but I think the companies that succeed are the people that push through the hard times and make it."

Tammy Lawrence and husband Dave knew they were on to something big 15 years ago when they started developing organic lawn-care products. They were ahead of the curve and the pesticide bans that would sweep across Canada.

▶ Tammy Lawrence, president and owner of Turf Revolution.

Years of costly research and development followed and now their company, Turf Revolution, based in Ayr, Ont., is set to grow 74 per cent this year.

The business is exciting and they just expanded into the U.S. market, but Tammy admits guiding a company through the recent global recession has taken a huge toll on their lives.

"I wish we had known about the unexpected costs," she says.

"We didn't anticipate how much growth we would have and how much cash flow we would need but I feel the breakthrough is around the corner. We just have to keep forging ahead."

Greener greens

Organic Fertilizer Market

- Revenue of $160 million a year
- Market expected to grow 30 per cent over next five years
- Recent survey found 90 per cent of home owners want non-chemical products
- Using organic lawn products means less water and mowing

Source: Turf Revolution, turfrevolution.com

Real world of retail

BOOK REVIEW

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Caitlin Kelly, a veteran journalist facing declining opportunities for quality paying writing assignments, picked up a retail gig in an upscale neighbourhood mall to create some additional part-time income.

In her book, Malled, she journals her two year retail stint.

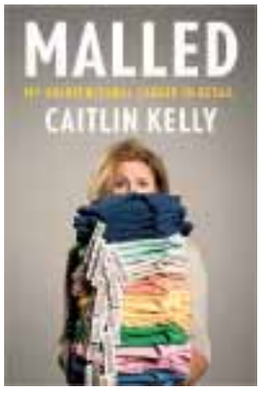
"I have never worked in any job that paid so little for such hard work," says Kelly.

Even though 70 per cent of the U.S. economy relies on its GDP from consumer spending, "retail sales associates, clerks, floor walkers, team members – whatever you choose to call them — remain oddly invisible in the media."

Kelly's book offers some sobering insights into this gruelling and highly under appreciated job. Kelly attributes the silence because "most workers doing these tough jobs for low wages are those least able to afford losing them... they have powerful incentive to remain silent."

The fact however is that companies that have figured out how to keep their staff happy by providing fair wages, benefits, training and a safe work environment clearly outperform their competitors. Why? When over 85 per cent of buying decisions take place at the store a "lousy or lazy clerk can send you spinning right back onto the street, frustrated, empty-handed, and indignant – or a good one can help you happily spend all sorts of money on items you hadn't planned to purchase that day, maybe ever."

Told from the perspective of an experienced professional, Kelly's insights offer a sympathetic look into the backrooms of the gleaming sales floors we peruse... I for one will certainly be more patient and friendly on my next shopping trip.



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"We're focused. We understand the situation. When you've been through it quite a few times, you certainly know how to deal with it a lot better and we've certainly been through it enough."

BRUINS COACH CLAUDE JULIEN, ON HIS TEAM FACING ELIMINATION

Scan code for more sports news.

Is long wait almost over?

Canucks poised to become first Canadian team in 18 years to bring home the Stanley Cup

The last time a Canadian-based team won the Stanley Cup — the Montreal Canadiens in 1993 — it was no big deal.

Well, it was a really big deal if you were a fan of the Canadiens, who caused a surprise by reaching the final and then dispatching Wayne Gretzky's Los Angeles Kings in five games to claim their record 24th cup. Big enough that there was a riot in downtown Montreal after the cup-clinching game.

But in those days, a Canadian team winning it all was the norm rather than the exception.

If the Vancouver Canucks beat the Boston Bruins this season, it would end an 18-year cup drought for the country that lives and dies with hockey. And it would end a jinx that saw the 1994 Canucks, 2004 Calgary Flames, 2006 Edmonton Oilers and 2007 Ottawa Senators all lose in the final.

When Montreal last drank from the silver bowl, it ended Mario Lemieux and the Pittsburgh Penguins' two-year reign. But before that, the cup had been won seven straight years by Canadian teams — five by the Oilers and one each by Montreal (1986) and Calgary (1989).

"There's 30 teams in the league now and every year it's very competitive," Vincent Damphousse, the scoring leader on the 1993 Montreal team, said this week. "It's not like the 1950s or '60s where you could build a team and keep it together and have a dynasty."

"I think you'll see a lot of teams going 20, 30, 40 years without winning now."

VINCENT DAMPHOUSSE ON THE DIFFICULTY OF WINNING THE CUP

The 1992-93 Canadiens rode other-worldly goaltending from Patrick Roy and a record 10 consecutive overtime victories to a cup few gave them any chance of winning after a regular season in which they finished third in what was then called the Adams Division, behind Boston and detested rival the Quebec Nordiques.

General manager Serge Savard had made two key pre-season acquisitions, picking up scoring forwards Damphousse and Brian Bellows, to add scoring punch to a group led by centre Kirk Muller, captain Guy Carbonneau, gritty winger Mike Keane and promising young winger John LeClair.

The top defence pair had point man Mathieu Schneider and tough guy Lyle Odelein, followed by Eric Desjardins and Jean-Jacques Daigneaut.

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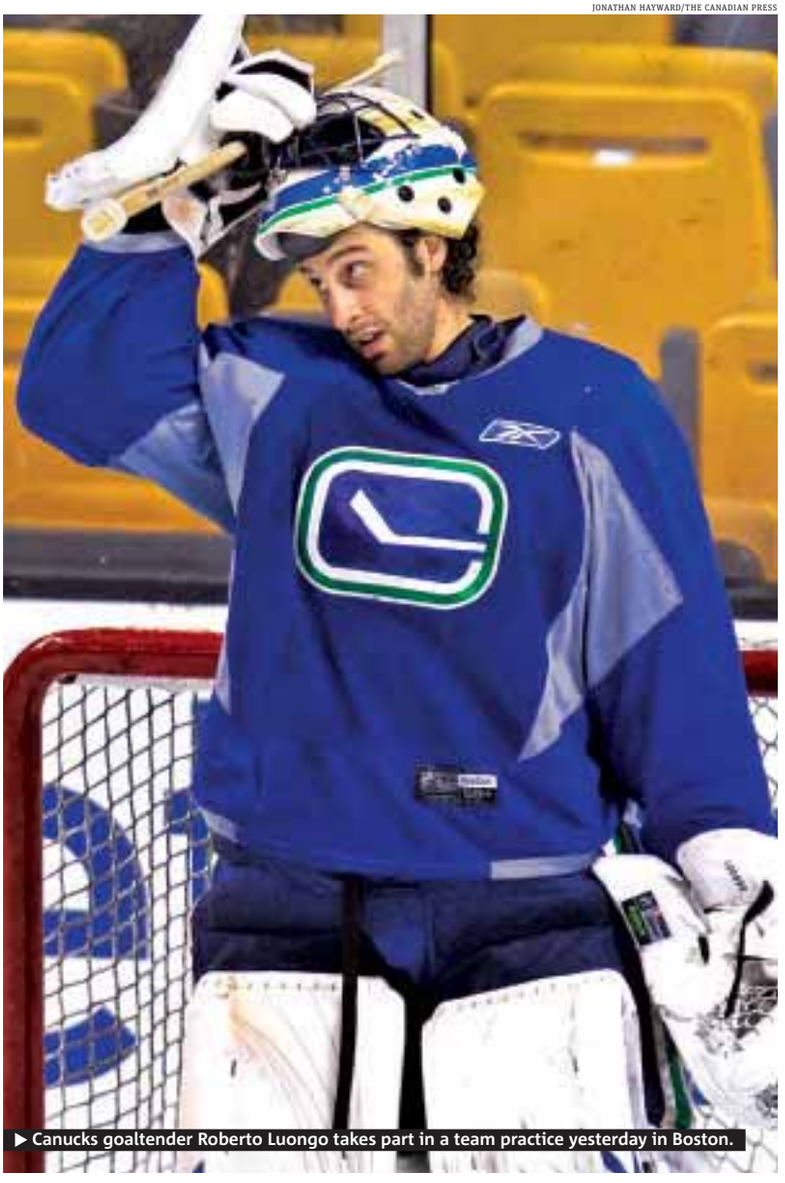

▶ Canucks goaltender Roberto Luongo takes part in a team practice yesterday in Boston.

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▶ Mavericks owner Mark Cuban celebrates with Brendan Haywood, centre, and DeShawn Stevenson late in the game.

Mavs win NBA crown

For Dirk Nowitzki, the resumé is complete. He's an NBA champion.

For LeBron James, the agonizing wait continues for at least one more year.

Avenging what happened five years ago in perfect turnabout style, the Dallas Mavericks won their first NBA title by winning Game 6 of this final in Miami 105-95 last night — celebrating on the Heat's home floor, just as Dwyane Wade and his team did to them in the 2006 title series.

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Jason Terry scored 27 points and Nowitzki added 21. The Mavericks won four of the series' last five games, a turnabout that could not have been sweeter after seeing the Heat celebrate their first title in Dallas after Game 6 of the 2006 finals.

"Tonight," Terry said, "we got vindication."

James scored 21 points for Miami, shook a few hands afterward, and departed before most of the Mavs tugged on their championship hats and T-shirts. Chris Bosh had 19, Mario Chalmers 18 and Wade 17 for the Heat.

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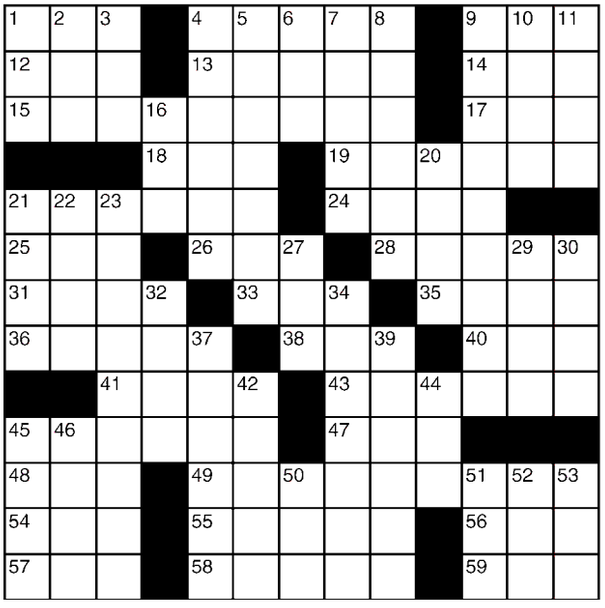

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▶ Friday's answer

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Sudoku

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How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Friday's answer ▶

Send a KISS

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Tai-On
Hey, Tai-On. Wherever you are... If, by chance, you are reading this, then you probably would know that our conversation between us was good and... I just miss you. I wish we could have made contact with each other...
LG

Mr. C
As we get closer to our wedding day in August, I'm so happy we're taking all these important steps together. I couldn't be happier than I am with you. I love you muffin!
MISS D

bubba flinch
happy 5 months boo! i love you more than anything in the whole universe. tank+stacey=<3 lol, through thick & thin. xoxo.
CHEESE BALL

A look at the weather

BT BREAKFAST TELEVISION

TODAY	TOMORROW	WEDNESDAY
Min 13°	Min 9°	Min 13°
Max 20°	Max 26°	Max 22°

Jenna Khan, Weather Specialist
"Weather impacts everything we do. Providing the information you need before you head out that door and take on the day is the best part of my morning." **WEEKDAYS 6AM**

Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Now is the time to say sorry and get things back to how they used to be.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Lighten up and stop worrying about things that are unlikely to happen, now or in the future.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Something that only a short time ago seemed to be difficult if not impossible will now seem ridiculously easy.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Family problems will be less intense as from today.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 If there is something you have wanted to say but felt unable to put into words you'll get past that blockage today.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 If you have been deceiving yourself about the true state of your money situation the truth will come out today.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 So many of the things you have been getting uptight about are not worth the effort.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Don't waste time looking back and regretting what happened. Look forward and start making things happen.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Dreaming is one thing – doing can be a bit more of a challenge.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Make sure important people know you exist and what you can do.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Something you have always believed in may not be as simple as you had assumed.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. You have not made the most of your resources of late, but you can still do something about it.

SALLY BROMPTON

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RICK THORPE

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